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1. The Ministry for General Machine Construction is one of the two ministries which were established after the Ministry for Machine Construction was dissolved on the basis of a decree by the Praesidium of the Council of Ministers, effective 16 April 1955. The offices of the Ministry for General Machine Construction are still located on several floors of the House of Ministries at Leipziger Strasse 7 in East Berlin. The same floors are occupied by the offices of the new Ministry for Heavy Machine Construction.
2. The following is the present structure of the Ministry for General Machine Construction: 25X1
 - a. Minister: Helmut Wunderlich (SED), former First Deputy Minister and State Secretary in the old Ministry for Machine Construction.
 - b. First Deputy Minister and State Secretary: Hubertus Bernicke (SED).
 - c. The Ministry is divided into two technical areas (Bereiche):
Area I: Vehicle and Agricultural Machine Construction (Fahrzeug- und Landwirtschaftsmaschinenbau), headed by Alfred Boehm (SED), former chief dispatcher of the former Ministry for Machine Construction. This area is subdivided into the following main administrations (MA):
 - (1) MA for Automobile and Tractor Construction, headed by Betthausen (fnu-SED), former secretary to Minister Heinrich Rau in the old Ministry.
 - (2) MA for Locomotive and Railroad Car Construction, headed by Kurze (fnu-SED), former manager of VEB LOWA in Niesky.
 - (3) MA for Agricultural Machine Construction, headed by Rentsch (fnu-SED).
 - (4) MA for Electrical Equipment for Vehicles (HV Fahrzeug-Elektrik). This is one of the two new main administrations into which the MA for Cable and Apparatus Construction in the old Ministry was divided. The other new main administration is MA Cable in the Ministry for Heavy Machine Construction. The Main Administration for Electrical Equipment for Vehicles does not yet

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have an appointed head. It is provisionally headed by Friedrich Holland (SED), who at the same time is the head of the MA Gable in the Ministry for Heavy Machine Construction. ~~Ministry for Heavy Machine Construction~~

Area II: Light Machine and Devices Construction (Leichtmaschinen- und Geraetebau), headed by Alfred Wunderlich, Deputy Minister, former deputy minister responsible for the Area for General Machine Construction in the old Ministry. This area is subdivided into the following main administrations:

- (5) MA for Radio and Telecommunications Technology, headed by Rudolf Schmidt (SED), former head of the same main administration in the old Ministry.
 - (6) MA for Precision Mechanics and Optics, headed by Walter Kresse (SED), former head of the same main administration in the old Ministry.
 - (7) MA for Light Machine Construction, with its seat in Halle, headed by Weis (fnu-SED), former head of the same main administration in the old Ministry.
 - (8) MA for Iron, Sheet Metal, and Metal Products, headed by Wolf (fnu-SED), former head of the same main administration in the old Ministry.
- d. The Ministry furthermore has a Section for Technical-Scientific and Economic Cooperation with Friendly Countries, headed by Minister Bruno Koch (SED), former deputy minister and State Secretary who was responsible for the Area for Transport Machine and Agricultural Machine Construction in the old Ministry. This section has the character of an area. It is responsible to the new Ministries for General Machine Construction and for Heavy Machine Construction.
- e. The Ministry has a number of main departments, some of which are still referred to as central departments, which have the same names as the main (or central) departments listed in the structure of the Ministry for Heavy Machine Construction. The departments, however, are different departments with identical names in both ministries. The heads of the following departments are known:
- (1) MD for Bookkeeping and Revisions, Kaminski (fnu-SED).
 - (2) MD for Labor, Wirth (fnu-SED), formerly with VEB Sachsenwerk Radeberg, originator of the Fast Turner's Movement (Schnelldrehbewegung), Hero of Labor.
 - (3) MD for Planning, Otto Rademacher (SED).
- f. The Ministry furthermore has a construction staff (Aufbaustab), also called action staff (Kampfstab), for Korea and Vietnam. This office is responsible to the new Ministries for General Machine Construction and for Heavy Machine Construction.

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